

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING CATALYSTS
FOR COLOR NUMBER HYDROGENATION
OF POLYTETRAHYDROFURAN AND/OR
THE ESTERS THEREOF

Examiner: J. A. Smith

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated May 12, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.